FRANKLIN COUNTY COUNCIL COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING April 26th, 2022 COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203

The Franklin County Council met for their regular scheduled meeting on April 26th, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room #203. Those present were Jeff Koch, Glen Bischoff, Joe Gillespie, Joe Sizemore, Brian Patterson and Erica Cowan, Chief Deputy Auditor. Absent: Scott McDonough and Carroll Lanning.

OPENING: The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jeff Koch.

Council Meeting Minutes for March 29th, 2022: Motion to approve the March 29, 2022 minutes by Joe Gillespie, seconded by Joe Sizemore, all in favor, motion carried.

Deb Tibbetts: Came before Council to request \$10,000.00 for a new refrigerator. The one currently being used to store the vaccines was inspected and the compressor is running hot. Council approved the new refrigerator. The additional will be advertised for May's meeting. She also explained the requests she had asked for at this meeting for their approval including funds for septic tools, AED's and computer software. Motion to approve health department to purchase a new refrigerator by Joe Sizemore, seconded by Glen Bischoff, all in favor, motion carried.

Resolution 2022-11, Transfer of Funds: President Koch read Resolution 2022-11, a resolution for the transfer of funds. Motion to approve Resolution 2022-11 by Joe Sizemore, seconded by Joe Gillespie, all in favor, motion carried.

Resolution 2022-12, Request for Additional appropriations: President Koch read Resolution 2022-12, a resolution for additional appropriation. Councilmember Patterson held a discussion with Commissioners in regards to how much money was left in the Old SR 1 fund and if they had any plans to fix roads, bridges or low water crossings. Larry Smith, County Engineer also discussed with Councilmember Patterson some of the bridge projects and costs that were planned over the next couple of years. Following this discussion, President Koch asked if there were any further discussions and/or motion to approve the resolution. Motion to approve Resolution 2022-12 by Glen Bischoff, seconded by Joe Gillespie, all in favor, motion carried.

John Palmer came before Council to update them on the current status of the ARPA funds. He further stated that the Auditor and Reedy Financial Group have completed the required reporting with the U.S. Treasury and that we are compliant within their guidelines. Mr. Palmer advocated for the local fire departments to apply for some of the ARPA funds and that there will be a plan with projects available at a later date. Councilmember Gillespie spoke on behalf of the Brookville Fire Department. He had spoken with Mark Shires and that they are wanting to purchase a new ladder truck and would like the county to share the cost. They currently have \$200,000 and would need approximately \$100,000 from the County.

Reedy Financial Group – Invoice #8358: Motion to approve the Reedy Financial Group Invoice #8358 in the sum of \$12,993.57 by Joe Sizemore, seconded by Joe Gillespie, all in favor, motion carried.

Barada Law Invoice # 25292: Motion to approve the Barada Low Invoice #25292 for \$138.75 by Joe Sizemore, seconded by Joe Gillespie, all in favor, motion carried.

Ordinance 2022-09 Treasurer Innkeeper Tax: John Palmer presented Ordinance 2022-09 to Council for their consideration. He explained that this ordinance would change how the innkeepers' taxes are collected here in Franklin County. Presently the Treasurer collects the taxes, but this ordinance will change that to the State. Motion to approve Ordinance 2022-09 an ordinance changing the collection of the innkeepers' tax by Glen Bischoff, seconded by Joe Gillespie, all in favor, motion carried.

Amy Lindsey, EMA Director: Amy Lindsey came before council seeking \$10,000 to pay for the balance due for the continuity plan. This plan was originally supposed to be paid from the CARES Act after receiving the County's reimbursements all money was transferred to County General. She will need an additional from County General under her location to pay the balance owed. Motion to approve the appropriation of \$10,000 from county general for the EMA by Joe Sizemore, seconded by Glen Bischoff, all in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Joe Sizemore, seconded by Joe Gillespie, all in favor, motion carried.

Minutes approved this 24 th Day of May 2022.	
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Jeff Koch	Jeff Koch
Joe Gillespie	Joe Gillespie
Carroll Lanning	Carroll Lanning
Scott McDenough	Scott McDonough
Brian Patterson	Brian Patterson
Joe Sizemore Bushing	Joe Sizemore
Glen Bischoff	Glen Bischoff
ATTESTED BY: Kalla J. Sauman	

Karla J. Bauman, Auditor